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A. Brief summary of the invention

A means for storing as computer data information defining the state of a multiplicity of television production devices allowing modification of, or the addition specificity, to such states via either manual input or direct data exchange with other computer data files, and enabling simultaneous changes in the states of a multiplicity of television production devices by recalling the previously stored data. The term N-MEM has been coined to describe this invention, "N" referring either to "News" as applicable to the Tsunami news production automation project or the number N indicating that an N-MEM stores states of any number of devices unlike an E-MEM which is device specific.

B. Keywords: list keywords or combinations of keywords to guide patent and literature searches. Underline the most important keywords.

Switcher, Mixer, Automation, E-MEM, GPI, PVTv, VDCP, protocol, CORBA,

C. Brief discussion of the problem solved by the invention.

The N-MEM concept was created as a means to dramatically reduce the human resources required to produce a live television broadcast. It allows the production of the broadcast to be distilled into a set of N-MEMs, each N-MEM representing the state of all production devices at a given time in the production. Rather than relying on a group of human operators to specify the state of each device at all times, the N-MEMs are recalled in appropriate sequence automatically causing all devices to perform required functions at the point in time dictated by the progression of the live broadcast.

D. Discussion of how you or others have implemented similar things in the past, including the manner in which others have attempted to solve the problem. Point out disadvantages and weaknesses in previous practice. Include literature references where available.

The Grass Valley Group developed and patented the E-MEM some years ago. Intellectual property protection for this invention has since expired. N-MEM differs from E-MEM in that it is universal rather than device specific. This is more than a change in scale. Rather, it opens up an entire new level of control for live production.

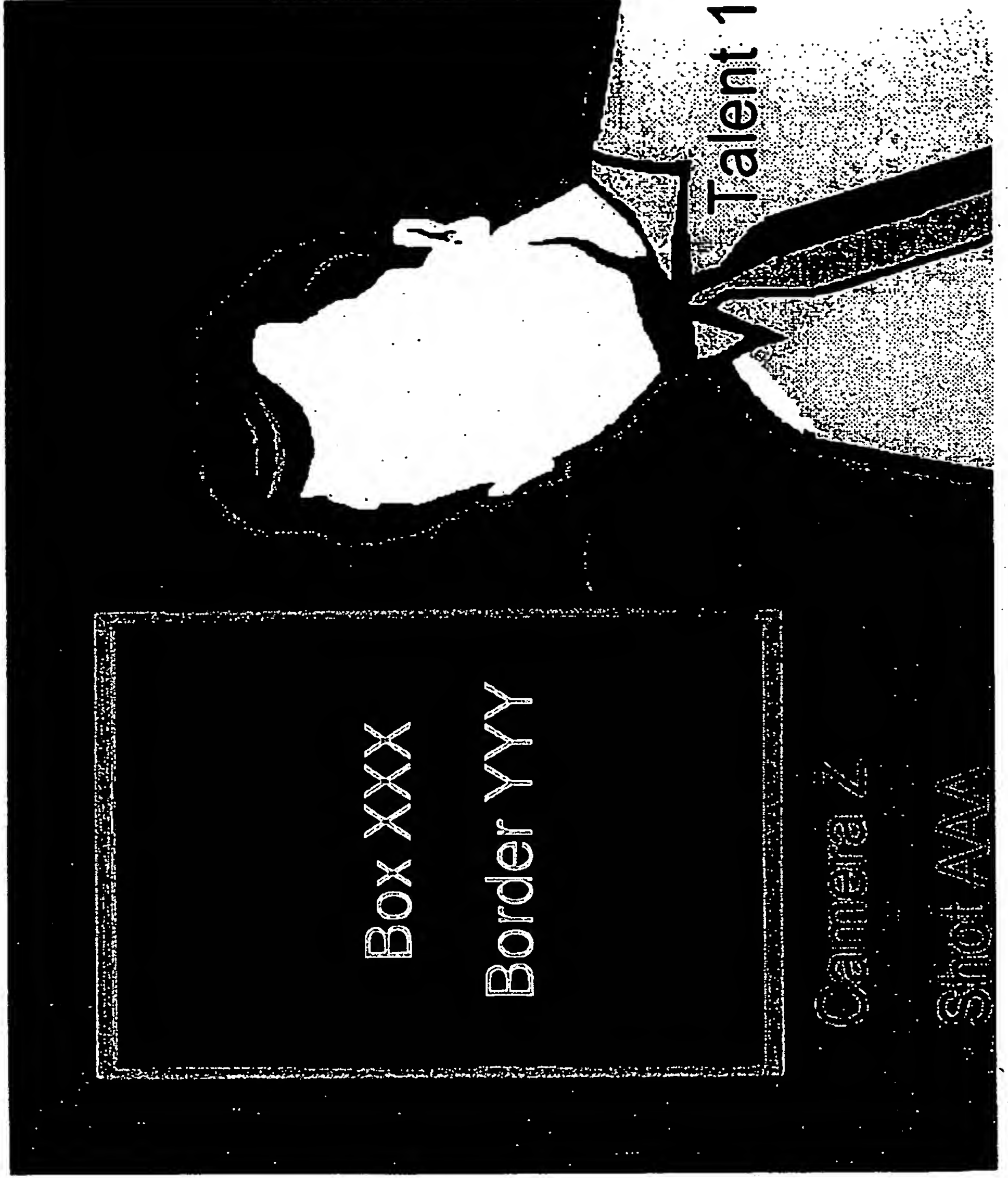
ParkerVision's PVTV system does not use such technology. It treats each command (it is event-oriented rather than state-oriented) as a separate and discrete object to be managed on a timeline. This approach requires an enormous number of stored commands (7,500 for a small station in Bakersfield, CA) and an extremely complex event list that is time consuming to create, unamenable to automatic update from an external systems such as a Newsroom Computer, and cumbersome and error prone when updated or edited manually.

The N-MEM approach would reduce the number of stored commands/configurations (configurations being then more appropriate term since the N-MEM is state oriented) by as much as two orders of magnitude since it agrees with the method in which producers/directors specify the production elements to be used at any point in a live production. Those specifications are defined and communicated in terms of state (what will be seen on the screen) rather than commands (what each device must do to create that on-screen configuration.)

- E. Description of the invention, including one or more practical embodiments of the invention in sufficient detail to allow one with ordinary skill in the art to practice the invention. Include schematic(s), flow chart(s) and or figures to clarify operation of the invention. Point out important features and items you believe to be new. State advantages of the invention and sacrifices, if any, made to achieve these advantages. Describe any experiments conducted and the results of those experiments.**

The invention is described in detail in Tsunami CRS Version 2.0 (Attachment 1), the entirety of which constitutes a practical embodiment of the invention. Attachments 2 & 4 contain graphical depiction of the process of N-MEM parametrization as described in Tsunami CRS Version 2.0

Attachment 2 *Tsunami* Style (N-MEM)



Attachment 3 Parameterized *Tsunami* Style (N-MEM)

